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- According to Softpedia, RBS WorldPay announced last week that an unknown and unauthorized party illegally obtained access to its computer systems in November. The personal information of 1.5 million customers may have been compromised, the payment processing service said. (See item [8](#))
- The Los Angeles Times reported Saturday that California officials, in analyzing the results of last month's Los Angeles-area earthquake preparedness drill, found significant gaps in their earlier plans, prompting a major re-evaluation of how Southern California would fare in a magnitude 7.8 earthquake. (See item [23](#))

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Energy Sector

Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: **Physical:** ELEVATED, **Cyber:** ELEVATED

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) – <http://www.esisac.com>]

1. *December 29, Associated Press* – (Georgia) **Underground explosion rocks Savannah's downtown.** An explosion in underground electrical cables blew off manhole covers and started several fires in downtown Savannah, Georgia, Monday morning, prompting police to evacuate several stores and restaurants, many of which were without power. No injuries were immediately reported, police said. Police received calls around 8:49 a.m. reporting that manhole covers had been blown off at an intersection in the heart of the downtown district, said a police spokesman. About an

hour later, firefighters had put out three separate fires where the covers blew off. It would likely be evening before the utility's crews could get underground to begin investigating what happened, said a Georgia Power spokeswoman. Power was out in a large section of downtown. The Georgia Power spokeswoman said some customers would not have power until morning.

Source:

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5gEG5pWb55PO69fGeKMgGDFWFB6ogD95CGJV84>

2. *December 29, Associated Press* – (Michigan) **Nearly 200,000 without power in Michigan.** Crews were working to restore electricity to nearly 200,000 Michigan homes and businesses early December 29, a day after strong winds knocked down tree limbs and power lines. Detroit-based DTE Energy Co. said about 135,000 customers were without power early December 29, mostly in Wayne and Oakland counties, down from about 230,000 on December 28. DTE said some could be blacked out until December 31. CMS Energy Corp. subsidiary Consumers Energy said about 183,000 of its customers lost power December 28 because of the winds and 62,000 remained blacked out. Consumers Energy said all of its customers should have power by December 31.

Source:

http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5ifTg_yfYpAykFLdY6fVBnb3NeMZAD95CBCTG0

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Chemical Industry Sector

Nothing to report

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

3. *December 29, Reuters* – (Illinois) **Exelon Ill. Braidwood 2 reactor at 7 pct power.** Exelon Corp's 1,178-megawatt Unit 2 at the Braidwood nuclear power station in Illinois was operating at 7 percent of capacity early on December 29, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission said in its daily plant status report. In an event notification report, the company said the reactor automatically tripped off-line on Saturday afternoon after a main generator tripped. The company also said a heater drain pump tripped and some damage was noted on the pump motor terminal box, but no fire or smoke was observed.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/marketsNews/idUSN2930441320081229>

4. *December 29, Lower Hudson Journal News* – (New York) **NRC extends oversight for Indian Pt. leaks.** Federal regulators have decided they need another year to keep tabs on radioactive water leaks under Indian Point nuclear power plant. The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has notified company officials that it will continue increased level of oversight at the plant through 2009. Coupled with chronic problems

with an old emergency sirens system, the groundwater problems brought a level of scrutiny beyond the routine oversight of a plant with Indian Point's overall top safety rating. As company engineers and hydrologists investigated the sources and extent of the leak, digging dozens of new wells to monitor underground water movement, they turned up leaks of the more dangerous strontium 90, mostly in the area of the defunct Indian Point 1. That spent fuel pool has since been emptied and its fuel moved to dry storage casks on site. "The thing we're interested in this year is to see the new baseline levels since the fuel pool was drained down," said an NRC spokesman. "If things bear out as they're expected to, things should be cleaner. We're also going to do a team inspection next summer to look at their long-term groundwater monitoring program."

Source: <http://www.lohud.com/article/2008812290331>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

5. *December 29, Marine Corps Times* – (National) **Corps moves to replace M249.** The Corps has awarded four contracts to three companies to produce prototypes of the 5.56mm Infantry Automatic Rifle, which is slated to supplant the M249 Squad Automatic Weapon. The three firms will compete for a contract that could be worth up to \$27 million. The firm selected will manufacture between 4,476 and 6,500 rifles. The three companies are FN Herstal of Herstal, Belgium; Heckler and Koch Defense of Ashburn, Virginia; and Colt Defense of West Hartford, Connecticut. "Each [company] will produce and deliver a minimum of 10 weapons. The Marine Corps will next evaluate these weapons and then intends to select one weapon system from one company to meet the IAR requirement," Marine officials said in a news release. The IAR is a lightweight, magazine-fed weapon. It will provide a one-for-one replacement of the M249 in Marine rifle squads within infantry battalions and in the scout teams in light armored reconnaissance battalions.

Source: http://www.marinecorpstimes.com/news/2008/12/marine_rifle_122908/

6. *December 28, Channel News* – (National) **U.S. military uses Nintendo to defuse bombs.** Reports from the United States have said the U.S. military has adapted the motion-sensitive Nintendo Wii controllers (or Wiimotes) to operate bomb disposal robots. And according to metro.co.uk, scientists have created the Packbot, a machine-gun-toting robot which uses Wii technology to clear mines and bombs. Nintendo first launched the Wiimotes in 2006. Its controllers detect the motion of players' hands and beam their hand motions to the console which are then converted to gameplay. However, this is the first time they have been adapted for actual war purposes, where the use of standard remote controls is common. But Packbot is not the first weapon to use gaming technology. America's seven-ton attack robot 'Crusher' is operated by a Microsoft Xbox 360 controller.

Source: <http://www.channelnews.com.au/Gaming/Console/L6X3G5V5>

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Banking and Finance Sector

7. *December 28, CBS News* – (National) **Online lending clubs challenge bank.** Despite the Federal Reserve having slashed the benchmark interest rate to zero percent, the frozen credit market is not showing many signs of thawing yet. So more consumers are turning to each other, reports a CBS News correspondent. Online person to person loans could total almost \$6 billion dollars by 2010. “Lending Club is a social lending network, which is an alternative to the banks,” says the LendingClub.com CEO. “It is a way for people who have the money to loan to people who need the money.” As major financial institutions stumble or fail completely, online lending sites like Lending Club are on the rise. Since 2005, the amount of their outstanding person-to-person loans has virtually doubled every year, the LendingClub.com CEO reports, swelling from \$118 million in 2005 to \$1.5 billion in 2008.
Source: <http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2008/12/28/eveningnews/main4688840.shtml>
8. *December 28, Softpedia* – (National) **RBS WorldPay data leak affects 1.5 million cardholders.** RBS WorldPay, a popular payment processing service, has announced that an unknown and unauthorized party has illegally obtained access to its computer systems. The personal information of 1.5 million customers, as well as the Social Security numbers of 1.1 million, may have been compromised, according to the company. RBS WorldPay is a business operated by the Royal Bank of Scotland Group, and is based in Atlanta, Georgia. It offers payment processing solutions that cover credit, debit, Electronic Bank Transfers, gift cards, customer loyalty cards, checks, ATM, and tailored solutions for retail, restaurant, petroleum, convenience stores, grocery, hospitality, transport, and cardholders not present in these sectors. According to WorldPay, the security breach incident occurred on November 10, and the company immediately alerted the authorities, who started an investigation. In addition, security experts and firms were commissioned to determine how the systems were penetrated and to implement stronger protection. The incident affected its pre-paid card issuing business in particular, the company notes in a press release dating December 23. As a result, approximately 100 re-loadable payroll cards have been deactivated under the suspicion of already being fraudulently accessed, while all the PIN-enabled cards have had their PIN reset in order to prevent any future misuse.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/RBS-WorldPay-Data-Leak-Affects-1-5-Million-Cardholders-100837.shtml>
9. *December 28, Reuters* – (National) **Group of investors close to buying IndyMac.** A consortium of private equity and hedge fund firms, including J.C. Flowers & Co, is close to a deal to buy the assets of failed mortgage lender IndyMac, a source familiar with the matter said on Sunday. The prospective buyers also include Dune Capital Management, a private investment firm run by former Goldman Sachs executives, and hedge fund Paulson & Co, the source said. The consortium would buy the bank and its 33 branches, IndyMac’s reverse-mortgage unit, and a \$176 billion loan-servicing portfolio, the source said. The presence of private equity and hedge fund firms comes after the FDIC said last month it was expanding the pool of qualified bidders to include those institutions that do not currently have a bank charter, although they must have

conditional approval for a charter from the responsible agency.

Source:

http://money.cnn.com/2008/12/28/news/companies/jcflowers_indymac.reut/index.htm

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Transportation Sector

10. *December 29, WBBH 2 Fort Myers* – (New Mexico) **Two killed, 50 hurt in New Mexico bus crash.** Two people were killed and about 50 others injured after the tour bus they were riding in flipped on an icy highway. The bus was traveling from El Paso to Aurora, Colorado on Friday night. The bus was traveling north on U.S. 54 about 8 miles north of Corona when the driver lost control in a construction zone and the bus flipped. Many of the injured people had been released from the hospital and none were in critical condition. The roads were snow packed and icy in the area, which may have been partly to blame for the crash. No citations have been issued, but the cause of the accident was still being investigated.
Source: <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/28411605/>
11. *December 29, South Oregon Mail Tribune* – (Oregon) **Highways closed; flood warnings issued.** Travelers should be alert for highway closures caused by downed trees in snowy areas and possible flooding in the southern coastal regions, say Oregon Department of Transportation officials. Highways 62 and 230 were closed this weekend as crews worked through the night removing fallen and leaning trees. Crews must remove trees that have fallen into the travel lanes and those that are leaning over the road in a dangerous way, officials explained. Officials will evaluate conditions this morning and announce by noon if the roads would reopen. A spokesman warned of possible flooding for those traveling in the southern coastal regions on Highways 199, 42, and 38 — particularly around Curry and Coos counties — as steady rains, expected to continue, could flood low-lying sections of the highways. The flood warning covers urban areas and small streams near the coast affected by snow runoff and heavy rainfall, which is likely to continue through this morning. A flood warning means flooding is imminent or has been reported.
Source: <http://www.mailtribune.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20081229/NEWS/812290308>
12. *December 29, WESH 2 Orlando* – (Florida) **Bus station evacuated after bomb threat.** Orlando police are investigating a bomb threat at a Greyhound bus station in Orlando. Officers said the bomb squad was dispatched to the bus station on John Young Parkway after a man walked in the building and told a woman at the ticket counter that he planned to kill himself. He said he had a device in his bag that would do it, WESH 2 News reported. Officers evacuated the building while the bomb squad handled the suspicious bag. Police did not say what was in the bag but said it was taken care of.
Source: <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/28398518/>
13. *December 28, Reuters* – (Arizona) **Phoenix opens \$1.4 billion light-rail system.** Phoenix launched a sleek new \$1.4 billion light-rail system on Saturday amid

uncertainty people will hop out of their cars and onto the train. About 75 people became the first riders of the 20-mile system that snakes through a sprawling desert metropolitan area that includes the cities of Tempe and Mesa. Planners project building 30 additional miles of light-rail lines by 2025.

Source:

<http://www.reuters.com/article/domesticNews/idUSTRE4BQ1W420081229?feedType=RSS&feedName=domesticNews>

14. *December 28, KWTX 10 Waco* – (Nevada) **Derailment disrupts U.S. rail service.** A freight train has derailed in northern Nevada, triggering a bridge collapse and disruptions in rail service on one of the country's main East-West lines. A Union Pacific spokeswoman said the derailment occurred Saturday in a remote area along the Humboldt River about 10 miles west of Carlin and 260 miles east of Reno. Thirteen cars containing grain were involved. The cause of the derailment is not known. No injuries were reported. The spokeswoman said the 102-year-old bridge spanning the river collapsed a couple of hours after the derailment. Railroad officials are unsure how long it will take to replace it. The line connects Oakland, California, and Salt Lake City, Utah as well as other points East. Amtrak uses the same line, but it was not immediately clear what impact the bridge collapse would have on its California Zephyr service.

Source: <http://www.kwtx.com/nationalnews/headlines/36803384.html>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

15. *December 27, Gainesville Sun* – (Florida) **Suspicious metal container found in local mailbox.** A suspicious metal container found in a Turkey Creek mailbox Saturday morning was detonated by authorities and found to be harmless, but an investigation is underway to try to learn who placed it there, Alachua police reported. The device, which resembled a pipe bomb, was found by a relative of the family in whose mailbox it was placed, said an Alachua police detective. "They were checking the mail for the family that was out of town and they saw a white cylinder device with what appeared to be a timer on it," he said. "The initial officer who responded decided that it was a credible threat. We called (federal authorities) and then the Alachua County Sheriff's Office to have the bomb disposal squad come out." The device was left in the mailbox and was exploded by a machine that shoots a high-pressure blast of water from a distance. The mailbox was blown apart, as well. He said it appeared that nothing was in the cylinder, which he described as metal and 8 inches to 10 inches long.

Source: [http://www.gainesville.com/article/20081227/NEWS/812270950/-1/entertainment?Title=Suspicious metal container found in local mailbox](http://www.gainesville.com/article/20081227/NEWS/812270950/-1/entertainment?Title=Suspicious%20metal%20container%20found%20in%20local%20mailbox)

16. *December 27, Reading Eagle* – (Pennsylvania) **Birdsboro man charged with importing Asian beetles without permit.** Federal authorities have charged a Birdsboro man with illegally importing 25 destructive Asian beetles through the mail to the Mohnton, Pennsylvania post office in May. The accused did not have the required Department of Agriculture permit to import the live beetles from Taiwan, authorities said. He was charged with unauthorized movement of plant pests under the Plant

Protection Act, according to court records filed last week in U.S. District Court in Philadelphia. On May 8, an international express package containing 25 live beetles of the coleoptera order, including the invasive Hercules, Rhinoceros, and Goliath species, arrived at the Mohnton post office. The package had a return address in Taiwan and was addressed to the accused, who tried to claim the parcel. Postal workers became suspicious of the package, labeled “toys, gifts, and jellies,” when they heard scratching noises inside. Some of the insects were as large as a child’s hand and, if released, could have reproduced and caused extensive damage to American crops and trees, officials said.

Source: <http://www.readingeagle.com/article.aspx?id=119061>

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Agriculture and Food Sector

Nothing to report

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Water Sector

17. *December 29, Fox News* – (Maryland) **More cracks found in burst Maryland water main.** More cracks have been found in a broken Maryland water main which burst last week stranding commuters on a busy road into Washington, D.C., and the road may not open until the middle of the week. Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) officials said River Road in Bethesda, Maryland, will remain closed following last week’s water main burst which sent millions of gallons of water rushing down the road and forced the rescue of about a dozen motorists. A WSSC spokesman said the best estimate for reopening the busy commuter artery is the middle of next week. It is too early to know the exact cause of last Tuesday’s break, but the WSSC said there was “considerable corrosion of the pipe” where the break occurred. Engineers said two other 16-foot sections of the 5 1/2-foot diameter pipe showed cracks and must also be replaced.

Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,473503,00.html>

18. *December 29, KITV 4 Honolulu* – (Hawaii) **Partially-treated wastewater released during blackout.** The island wide power outage on Oahu shut down the ultraviolet disinfection units at the city’s Wahiawa and Sand Island wastewater treatment plants before backup diesel generators engaged. The UV units were inoperable at Wahiawa for 16 minutes and they were down at Sand Island for about 20 minutes, officials said. The Wahiawa wastewater plant discharged nearly 31,000 gallons of treated effluent without disinfection into the Wahiawa Reservoir through its outfall, the city said. An estimated 1 million gallons of primary treated effluent without disinfection was released through the Sand Island wastewater plant’s deep ocean outfall, officials said. The city notified the state Department of Health. Workers are posting warning signs in the affected areas.

Source: <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/28402482/>

19. *December 29, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **Arsenic levels too high in Kern Valley State Prison’s drinking water.** The drinking water pumped from two wells at Kern Valley State Prison contained arsenic, a known cause of cancer, in amounts far higher than a federal safety standard soon to take effect. Yet today, nearly three years after missing the government’s deadline to reduce the arsenic levels, the state has no concrete plans or funding to do so. Officials spent \$629,000 to design a filtration system and then decided not to build it, while neglecting to inform staff and inmates that they were consuming contaminated water. After the prison finally posted notices last April on orders from the state Department of Public Health, the inmates continued drinking the water, under protest.

Source: <http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-arsenic29-2008dec29,0,1275193,full.story>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

20. *December 29, Boston Globe* – (National) **Medical devices lag in iPod age.** Serious medical errors could be prevented if medical devices were designed to talk to each other, says a Massachusetts General Hospital anesthesiologist who has compiled instances of errors caused by lack of communication functionality in medical devices from across the United States to highlight the need for medical device “connectivity.” As technology moves forward, people expect the electronic devices of everyday life to work together, from cellphones that can call or text-message other phones, to computers that interconnect with a slew of gadgets. But in the medical world, where the stakes are higher, such flexible interconnection is rare. Each device operates in its own silo. Now the push for greater connectedness in hospital electronics is gaining momentum. The goal is devices that can not only plug into one another, but can also “understand” each other and automatically identify potential life-threatening problems sooner than they would have been caught by busy nurses and doctors.

Source:

http://www.boston.com/news/science/articles/2008/12/29/medical_devices_lag_in_ipod_age/

21. *December 28, Salt Lake Tribune* – (Utah) **Antifreeze leak closes part of Alta View Hospital.** Alta View Hospital in Sandy, Utah, closed down a portion of its emergency room on Sunday evening after a hose containing antifreeze burst, prompting concerns of health risks for patients in the area. At about 6 p.m., a line that connects the ER’s heating and cooling system exploded, causing liquid to seep into several triage rooms, said the hospital’s public relations manager. Hospital officials transferred three ER patients to other hospitals while some other patients were moved to sections of the hospital to be farther from the leak, which created strong fumes, he said.

Source: http://www.sltrib.com/news/ci_11327470

22. *December 28, Cincinnati Enquirer* – (Ohio) **Another fire at Jewish Hospital.** Rooftop mechanical equipment at Jewish Hospital in Sycamore Township, Ohio, caught fire and blew smoke into the hospital’s emergency room, evacuating a third floor wing for

several hours Saturday. No one was injured, firefighters said. The fire came exactly a month after a Thanksgiving Day fire — to rooftop mechanical equipment on another part of the building — caused the evacuation of 40 patients and caused \$2 million in damage.

Source: <http://news.cincinnati.com/article/20081228/NEWS01/812280404>

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Emergency Services Sector

23. *December 27, United Press International* – (California) **Calif. quake drill finds big plan gaps.** California needs more emergency workers, better sources of water, and new ways of restoring electricity to cope with a major earthquake, officials say. In analyzing the results of the biggest-ever Los Angeles-area preparedness drill held last month, state and city officials found significant gaps in their earlier plans, prompting a major re-evaluation of how southern California would fare in a magnitude 7.8 earthquake, the Los Angeles Times reported Saturday. Experts predict 1,600 fires would be ignited, damaging an estimated 200 million square feet of property and killing 900 people, half of the expected 1,800 total earthquake deaths. More local emergency workers would be needed than previously thought because firefighters from other communities would be busy with their own emergencies, while personnel from Northern California would be blocked by damaged roads, the Times said. Water supply issues would be crucial, officials project, with many fires growing out of control as water stopped coming out of firefighters' hoses. Planners say they need to identify alternative water sources, such as backyard swimming pools or storm drains collecting runoff from broken pipes, the newspaper reported.

Source:

http://www.upi.com/Top_News/2008/12/27/Calif_quake_drill_finds_big_plan_gaps/UP-I-43041230411988/

24. *December 26, Carlsbad Current-Argus* – (New Mexico) **New radio network to enhance emergency operations.** The completed installation of a multi-million dollar regional interoperable communication network will let public safety agencies in the county talk with each other and other emergency agencies in the region, a county official said. The emergency manager for the Eddy County, New Mexico, Office of Emergency Management said the sheriff's department is now switched to the new system and the county volunteer fire departments will be next. Eddy County awarded the \$3.36 million contract for the communications system to Motorola in October 2006 and spent an additional \$1.2 million on communications tower structure construction. The County Office of Emergency Management also secured \$2 million in Homeland Security grant funding that provided police and fire agencies with system compatible interoperable

radios. The county conducted an engineering study and determined that Motorola's system infrastructure and implementation solutions were ideal for this project. The Eddy County sheriff praised the county's effort in moving forward with the expanded communications system, saying it has been a constant concern for his department when an officer is called to respond to a volatile situation in a location where there is a dead spot out in the county and the officer cannot call in for backup or for an ambulance. In the past, the information and call for assistance would have to be relayed.

Source: http://www.currentargus.com/ci_11317446

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Information Technology

25. *December 27, Best Syndication News* – (International) **Scammers use Microsoft and IRS Web sites to install viruses on computers.** Microsoft has been playing a cat and mouse game with computer viruses and malware. Recently, criminals have been installing phony security applications that claim a user has viruses and then takes the user to their Web site demanding money to get rid of them. One report states that these companies are able to make \$5 million a year by charging \$40 or \$50 to get rid of nonexistent viruses. Microsoft has been fighting back. A recent update of their Malicious Software Removal Tool was able to remove "Antivirus 2009" from almost 400,000 PCs. The Antivirus 2009 installs itself on a computer when the user visits a Web site. The bogus security application then begins to annoy users with pop ups and warnings. There is a new technique for luring unsuspecting users into installing viruses on their systems. Criminals will use a combination of Search Engine Optimization techniques and common redirects that can be found on Microsoft.com and the IRS.gov Web sites.

Source: http://www.bestsyndication.com/?q=20081227_virus_software.htm

Internet Alert Dashboard

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Information on IT information sharing and analysis can be found at the IT ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Center) Website: <https://www.it-isac.org/>.

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Communications Sector

26. *December 29, WSBT 22 South Bend* – (Michigan; Midwest) **Michigan outages cause Internet, cell failures across Midwest.** A Michigan power outage in Bloomfield, Michigan, led to spotty phone and Internet access across the Midwest. One AT&T user, who claimed to have spoken to AT&T customer service, reported that they were told the outage was across seven states, including Indiana and Illinois, as well as Wisconsin and the Dakotas. All told, there were 413,000 customers without power across Michigan, the Associated Press said. Some of those customers are expected to be without power until

Thursday as crews from neighboring Indiana and Ohio join utility workers from three other states to help Michigan restore power.

Source: <http://www.wsbt.com/news/regional/36821999.html>

27. *December 28, Ars Technica* – (National) **FCC okays DTV “Analog Nightlight” rules.** On December 24, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) proposed rules that would let some full-power TV stations continue streaming a bare-bones analog signal for 30 days after the DTV transition. The “Analog Nightlight” program will allow those stations to keep their analog broadcast going “for the limited purpose of providing public safety and digital transition information,” the FCC says. Meanwhile, a key member of the U.S. House of Representatives is warning Congress that it may need to rush more money to the government’s analog converter set top box program.
- Source: <http://arstechnica.com/news.ars/post/20081228-fcc-oks-analog-nightlight-rules.html>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

28. *December 29, Springfield News-Leader* – (Missouri) **Minister finds fake bomb on his car.** A prominent Springfield, Missouri, pastor and former NAACP president found what appeared to be a pipe bomb on his car Sunday morning. The suspicious device on the reverend’s car turned out to be a fake, said the fire marshal. After determining it was a fake bomb at the pastor’s residence, investigators brought a bomb dog to New Growth Ministries, where the reverend has been founding pastor for eight years. The fire marshal said it was too early in the investigation to determine a motive.
- Source: <http://www.news-leader.com/article/20081229/NEWS01/812290358/1007/NEWS01>
29. *December 28, Southern Oregon Mail Tribune* – (Oregon) **Bomb squad dispatches suspicious box at mall.** A suspicious box believed to be a bomb temporarily disrupted shopping Saturday at the Rogue Valley Mall in Medford, Oregon. A concerned caller phoned Medford police around noon to report that a large box, which was wrapped in duct tape, was leaning against an outer wall near JC Penney beside a cargo door facing Interstate 5. Officers, along with mall security, quickly cleared the parking lot and roped off the area to wait for Oregon State Police (OSP) bomb squad technicians, the Medford master police officer said. OSP bomb squad troopers arrived from Central Point with their bomb robot. The robot approached the box and destroyed it with a blast from a powerful water cannon. It turns out the box was full of more cardboard boxes and nothing more. Officers on the scene Saturday determined it would not be necessary to evacuate the mall as they dealt with the suspicious box. Shoppers were allowed to reach their cars after the robot destroyed the box. “Had we found a strange box like that inside, we would have evacuated the mall,” the officer said. The incident lasted close to two hours. The officer was thankful the bomb robot was available in Central Point to defuse the situation within a couple of hours. Being one of the few OSP bomb robots in the state means the robot is often hours away and must be transported to a scene.
- Source:

<http://www.mailtribune.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20081228/NEWS/812280332>

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